

COMPARISON CHART OF NATURAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

	DD Family Support	MR Family Support	Autism Family Support	MRWP Natural Support
Funding Support	Budget 490/GIA	Budget 400/GIA	Budget 440/GIA	Medicaid Waiver Service
Eligibility	Must have a diagnosis of DD (other diagnoses such as MR or Autism do not disqualify eligibility for DD)	Must have a diagnosis of MR	Must have a diagnosis within the Autism Disorder Spectrum	Must have a diagnosis of MR or DD, and require services similar to those required by people with mental retardation. Requires comprehensive evaluation by Intake and Assessment team
Access	Eligibility determined by Intake and Evaluation vendors; each region has contracts with specific providers to provide Family Support Services			Eligibility determined by Intake and Evaluation vendors; services authorized by Region once determined eligible
Medicaid Billable Services	None	None	None	Natural Support Enhancement (Y 3343) –Includes personal support and respite Natural Support Therapies (Y 3344) <u>Not Natural Support Specific:</u> Specialized Medical Supplies (Y 3322) Specialized Medical Equipment (Y 3323) Environment Modifications (Y 3320)
Budget Amount *Note: Averages are statewide; Regional averages (and cap) may be lower	Funding based on average of \$13,000. Regional policy may lower the cap. Individual budget based on needs as documented in approved Individual Support Plan.	Family annual cap specified in Guidelines for Family Support in Provider Manual (FY’02 \$5,000). Regional policy may lower funding cap. Individual budgets are based on needs documented in approved Individual Support Plan.		Determined by Medicaid Waiver \$20,000 Annual Cap; Budgeted to Regions based on \$11,907 average; individual budgets are based on needs documented in approved Individual support plans
ISP Needed	Yes: must identify all individual needs (as specified in the Guidelines for Family Support).			Yes, must identify all needs
P.A. Needed	No			Yes. The P.A. should list all support services and corresponding Y Codes.
Provider Selection	Most Regions specify and contract with one agency as broker of identified services			Family Choice of approved providers for Natural Support Enhancement Services
Similarities in SMS, SME, and EM	Must be identified on Individualized Service Plan Must have physician order for Specialized Medical Equipment and Specialized Medical Supplies			
Difference in SMS, SME, and EM	More flexibility in how purchases are made. More flexibility in level of approval required for purchases		More flexibility in how purchases are made. More flexibility in level of approval required for purchases	Driven by Medicaid process for reimbursement: -Bill state Medicaid plan -- SME and SMS must be prescribed by a physician -If denied, bill under Waiver for SMS, SME, EM (assuming availability of funds)
Applicable Policy	See Guidelines for Family Support for more information regarding above			See MRWP Natural Support Policies and Procedures for more information regarding above